

EPA Actions to Protect Pollinators

[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/epa-actions-protect-pollinators"]

Related Information

- [Neonicotinoid Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision Released for Comment](https://www.regulations.gov/documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0389-0001)
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- [Partners Pollinator Protection](https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/partners-pollinator-protection)
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Pesticide risk management must be based on sound science, consistent with the laws under which pesticides are regulated in the United States. EPA has been working aggressively to protect bees and other pollinators from pesticide exposure.

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[HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0329"]

EPA's actions to protect pollinators from pesticide exposure include:

Implemented a policy in 2017 that protects bees from agricultural pesticide spray and dust applications while the bees are under contract to provide pollination services. The policy also recommends that states and tribes develop pollinator protection plans and best management practices.

- [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/policy-mitigating-acute-risk-bees-pesticide-products"]
- [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/epa-finalizes-steps-better-protect-bees-pesticides"]

Prohibited the use of certain neonicotinoid pesticides when bees are present.

- [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/new-labeling-neonicotinoid-pesticides"]

Expediting the re-evaluation of the neonicotinoid family of pesticides, as well as other pesticides, using the harmonized risk assessment process.

- [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/schedule-review-neonicotinoid-pesticides"]
- [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-reevaluation/registration-review-docket-opening-schedule"]

Temporarily halted the approval of new outdoor neonicotinoid pesticide uses until new bee data is submitted and pollinator risk assessments are complete.

- [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/april-2015-letter-registrants-announcing-new-process-handling-new"]

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Issued data requirements and risk assessment approaches for pollinators as we review the registrations of all of the neonicotinoid pesticides.

- [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/pollinator-risk-assessment-guidance"].

Established guidance and best practices for regional, state and tribal inspectors conducting FIFRA inspections of apparent cases of pesticide-related bee deaths.

- [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-inspecting-alleged-cases-pesticide-related-bee-incidents"].

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Providing farmers and beekeepers with EPA's residue toxicity time (RT₂₅) data as a means of gauging the lengths of time that specific pesticide products may remain toxic to bees and other pollinators following application of these products to plants.

- [HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/residual-time-25-bee-mortality-rt25-data>"]

Working with pesticide manufacturers to develop new seed-planting technologies that will reduce dust that may be toxic to pollinators during the planting of pesticide-treated seed.

- [HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/2013-summit-reducing-exposure-dust-treated-seed>"]

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[HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/forms/contact-us-about-pollinator-protection>"] to ask a question, provide feedback, or report a problem.

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